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Third Infantry Division Veterans Honor Winant

Frederick A. Winant of the Office of Defense Mobilization has been awarded a plaque for "service as a soldier and as a citizen" by the Society of the Third Infantry Division, the "Rock of the Marne."

Mr. Winant, who commanded a regiment of the division in World War II, said he was "proud to follow Audie Murphy," much-decorated veteran of the division who received the award last year.

The veterans ended their 37th annual convention yesterday by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Cross, ret., who commanded the division in Korea, led the ceremony.

Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, ret., who headed the division in Sicily and Italy in World War II, addressed the delegates Saturday at a banquet at the Shoreham Hotel, convention headquarters.

The group voted to seek Con-

gressional authority to erect a monument in Washington to honor members of the division killed in combat. Royalties from the division's official song, "The Dog-Faced Soldier," have been donated to help finance the shrine by the authors, Bert Gold and Ken Hart.

Maj. Gen. William W. Eagles, former assistant commander of the division, was elected president of the organization.

Greetings to the group from President Eisenhower were read at the banquet. The President called the Third Infantry Division one of the "great fighting units in our country's history. A message from Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, ret., a former commander, said, "There never was a division like the Third."

Maj. John Eisenhower, the President's son, who served with the division in Korea, and Mrs. Eisenhower were present at the